



# EIT HEI INITIATIVE Innovation Capacity Building for Higher Education

Innovate European University  
of Technology

Inno-EU+



## Participating partners

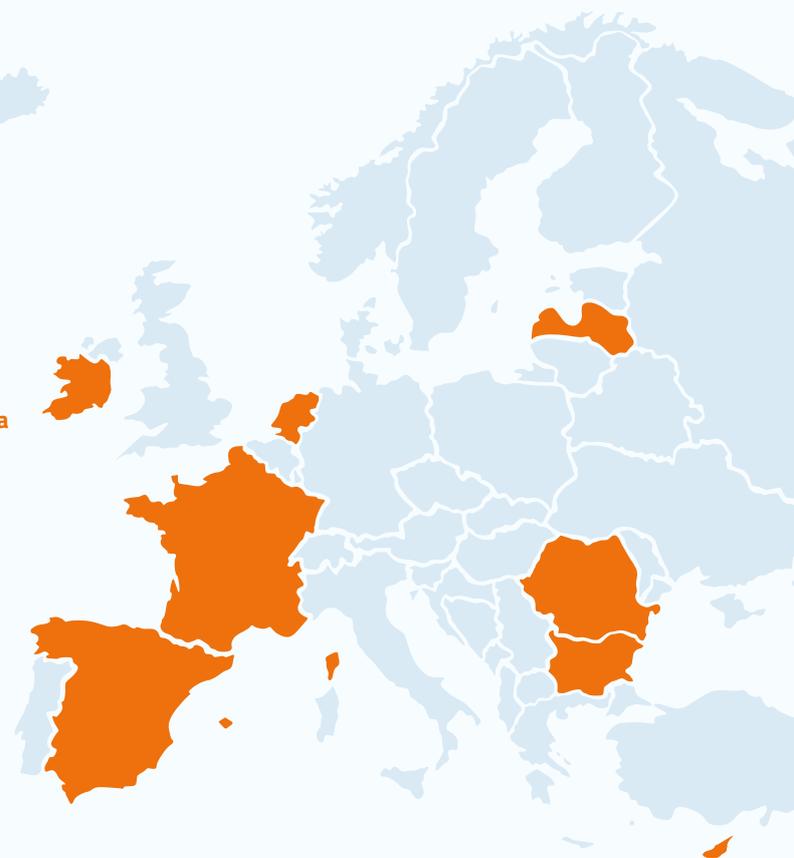
**Cyprus University of Technology** **Chrysalis LEAP**  
(Lead partner)  
CYPRUS

**Polytechnic University  
of Cartagena** **Riga Technical University**  
SPAIN LATVIA

**Stichting Water Alliance** **Technical University of Cluj-Napoca**  
NETHERLANDS ROMANIA

**Technical University of Sofia** **Technological University Dublin**  
BULGARIA IRELAND

**University of Technology  
of Troyes**  
FRANCE



Max. funding Phase 1

**€400,000**

Max. funding Phase 2

**€800,000**

## Project description

The Innovative European University of Technology (Inno-EU+) is a higher education institution (HEI) Initiative project aiming to enhance the innovation and entrepreneurial capacity of a new European university alliance, the European University of Technology (EUT+). The partners of the alliance are already committed to gradually integrating educational and research activities, co-creating opportunities for their staff and student bodies across all campuses of the alliance. EUT+ is about the future and 'puts humans first', recognising the roots of their constituents and joint forces while taking into account inclusion, multilingualism and multiculturalism aspects. Together with its non-HEI partners, the Water Alliance (NL) and Chrysalis LEAP (CY), Inno-EU+ spans across all corners and the heartland of Europe and creates a strong knowledge triangle in order to develop staff and students and transform both its HEIs and the Alliance.

The Innovation Vision Action Plan (IVAP) will enable the ambitious institutional transformation the project envisions by creating and coordinating knowledge-creating teams to boost and align the respective research and innovation strategies of the eight partner HEIs, and leverage the non-HEI partners and regional complementarities and transfer opportunities.

The project's roadmap aims to:

- achieve institutional and infrastructural integration to align its respective research and innovation strategies and deliver a common research and development roadmap;

- develop human capital for Europe to achieve collective excellence, agile career paths and truly participatory processes;
- foster exchanges with broader society to be locally anchored and reach global impact;
- experiment with methods and dissemination to provide a generalisable model of institutional transformation.

The project's IVAP focuses on areas that have been highlighted for improvement. Specifically, the three areas where most HEIs have more room for improvement, including 'Entrepreneurial Teaching and Learning', 'Organisational Capacity' and 'Measuring Impact'. The IVAP's objectives are outlined below;

- develop inclusive joint formal and informal entrepreneurial curricula to encourage students (undergrad/postgrad) and researchers to think like entrepreneurs and seek to find value propositions to local and societal challenges in a sustainable way;
- train academic and non-academic staff to inspire, coach and nurture individuals or teams of aspiring entrepreneurs in a diverse student and researcher body;
- develop a strategy document related to the research and innovation roadmap to encompass entrepreneurship in terms of culture, funding schemes and other support actions;
- develop a robust methodology for regularly assessing entrepreneurship-related activity across all campuses.

## Pilot Call Timeline



## About the EIT's HEI Initiative

The EIT's HEI Initiative: Innovation Capacity Building for Higher Education was launched by the [European Institute of Innovation and Technology](#) (EIT) and is led by EIT RawMaterials – one of the EIT's Knowledge and Innovation Communities.

The initiative is part of the EIT's [2021–2027 EIT Strategy](#), and it aims to help higher education institutions to build the capacity to innovate and to teach innovation and entrepreneurship. More specifically, the initiative aims to encourage these institutions to look at their own practices and develop concrete actions to increase their impact on their ecosystems.

In March 2020, the HEI Initiative launched a Pilot Call for Proposals, inviting higher education institutions to design activities that will improve their entrepreneurial and innovation capacity. We are pleased to announce the results of this Pilot Call. To stay updated on the latest developments, visit the initiative website (<https://www.eit-hei.eu/>) and subscribe to our newsletter.